



February 27, 2012

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 01-92; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135 and 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208 and GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 27, Steve Merriam from Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Dave Dengel from Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Brenda Shepherd from Interior Telephone Company, Inc. and Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc., and I conducted an ex parte meeting with the following ten individuals from the Wireline Competition Bureau: Carol Matthey, Patrick Halley, Katie King, Gary Seigel, Amy Bender, Wesley Platt, Steven Rosenberg, Rodger Woock, James Eisner, and Craig Stoup.

The ex parte meeting consisted of a discussion of the attached documents related to Transformation Order impacts for the four study areas. We discussed specific flaws in the quantile regression approach for Copper Valley, such as FCC reported square miles served of 21,423 differing from actual square miles served of 9,408.

We discussed satellite connectivity issues for Arctic Slope and Interior/Mukluk (TelAlaska), and discussed that the Arctic Slope service area is larger than the state of Minnesota. We also provided a copy of a report that analyzed the projected satellite capacity (e.g., 27 transponders) needed to serve TelAlaska customers at the targeted rate.

As required by the Commission's rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced dockets. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 2/27/12

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Chairman of the Board of Directors

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WCB staff in attendance (10)

Steve Merriam, Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative

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Brenda Shepherd, Interior Telephone Company, Inc. and Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc.

Attachments